

The University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

2016 Annual Report



Humankindness Holds the Power to Heal

The University of Arizona Cancer Center at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is pleased to present our first annual report. We are proud to show you what we have accomplished during 2016.

THE AFFILIATION

To further its mission of preventing and curing cancer throughout Arizona, The University of Arizona Cancer Center desired to expand to metropolitan Phoenix where approximately two-thirds of Arizona's residents live. Concurrently, Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center was planning to expand oncology services. Dignity Health St. Joseph's was well positioned to complement the strengths of the Cancer Center and accelerate development of a competitively differentiated and growing oncology enterprise. As a result, we are now expanding services and facilities to more efficiently and precisely prevent, treat, and study cancer.

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

An important component of the affiliation is the physician and scientist recruitment plan. We are in the third year of a 10-year physician recruitment effort with the goal of having a total of 74 cancer and cancer-related physician specialists by year 10. To date, we have hired 14 physicians and our robust recruitment efforts continue.

This annual report details some of the comprehensive, integrated, and convenient cancer care services created for our patients, spanning diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, and clinical trials. Our medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists are disease-site cancer specialists supported by experienced clinical teams who provide a wide range of diagnostic, therapeutic, clinical trial, financial, advocacy, education, and psychosocial care for our patients and their families.



VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA CANCER CENTER AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Develop the preeminent oncology program in metropolitan Phoenix by leveraging the collective strengths of both organizations to establish a competitively differentiated premier center for ambulatory and inpatient oncology with an emphasis on collaborative, research-driven, multi-disciplinary, translational, high quality, patient-centric care.

CLINICAL TRIALS

The University of Arizona Cancer Center staff in Tucson has worked diligently with the St. Joseph's research department to develop The University of Arizona Cancer Center at St Joseph's Clinical Trial Office. Together, they devised procedures and processes to facilitate the approval and implementation of clinical trials. During 2016, 15 trials opened and 20 more are in various stages of approval. The importance of bringing clinical trials to metropolitan Phoenix is clearly visible and clinical trial staff members are valued members of our integrated disease-site teams.

LUNG CANCER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

In early 2017, The Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation (ALCF) named Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, through the combined efforts of Norton Thoracic Institute and The University of Arizona Cancer Center at St. Joseph's, as a Community Hospital Lung Cancer Center of Excellence. For more information about ALCF, visit lungcancerfoundation.org.

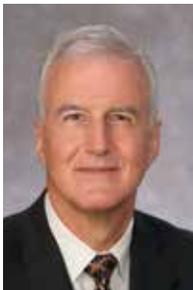
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Every member of our team knows that a diagnosis of cancer changes a patient's life forever. We are committed to comprehensive cancer care by focusing on state-of-the-art cancer treatment and valuable patient experiences, reinforced by high patient satisfaction scores. Our efforts are supported by the citizens of Arizona, motivating all of us to do more and do better each day. We sincerely thank you for supporting our efforts and appreciate any and all feedback.



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OUR HERITAGE

We are one of only 47 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the nation. NCI-Designated Cancer Centers are known for:

- **Comprehensive Cancer Care:** NCI-Designated Cancer Centers are recognized for their scientific and clinical excellence. Their focus is on providing extraordinary patient care as well as basic, clinical, and translational research, prevention, education, outreach, and training.
- **Research, Treatment and Educational Programs:** These centers have undergone extensive peer review, met rigorous national standards, and made significant contributions to reducing the cancer burden overall.
- **Longer Survival Rates for Cancer Patients:** Studies have linked survival rates to place of service, with a mortality risk reduction and a significant survival benefit being associated with treatment at an NCI-Designated Cancer Center.

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